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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NATIONAL RAFAEL A. PERROTTA, KIDNAP VICTIM

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF RAFAEL A. PERROTTA, AN ARGENTINE NATIONAL.

2. PERROTTA IS DESCRIBED AS AGE 56, THE FORMER EDITOR OF "EL CRONISTA COMERCIAL" OF BUENOS AIRES (HAVING SOLD THE PAPER OVER 18 MONTHS AGO.) HE WAS IN POOR HEALTH DUE TO A HEART CONDITION. ACCORDING TO THE LETTER HE WAS "ON GOOD TERMS WITH" PRESIDENT VIDELA.

3. HIS DISAPPEARANCE AND A SUBSEQUENT RANSOM DEMAND OCCURRED IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, APPROXIMATELY AT THE TIME HIDALGO SOLA, THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA, DISAPPEARED. "LA PRENSA" OF BUENOS AIRES APPARENTLY REPORTED ON THE PERROTTA KIDNAPPING.
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4. OTHER INFORMATION: RELATIVES MRS. PERCOLEA DE

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PERROTTA, WIFE: RAFAEL PERROTTA BENGOLEA AND SANTIAGO PERROTTA BENGOLEA, NEPHEWS.

S. U.S. INTEREST: LETTER FROM ANA MARIA PERROTTA, ALLERTON HOUSE, 130 EAST 57TH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022. CHRISTOPHER

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